

THE VIRGIN MARY IN THE KINGDOM

APPENDIX - MEDITATION 2

Jesus' Circumcision (P308)

(elaboration of the 23rd Day)

"My mother, I love you; love me too. Increase in my soul the Will of God, and grant me your blessing also, so that I may do all my actions under your maternal gaze."

The soul to its Heavenly Mother:

Divine mother, your love powerfully calls me to be with you.

You wish me to share in your joys and sorrows, and deposit them in my heart as a pledge of your love and of the love of little baby Jesus, so that I may understand how much you love me and how I am obliged to imitate you.

You want me to fix my attention on your life and, in patterning my life after this model, form in myself its perfect copy.

Holy Mother, help me to imitate you.

Lesson of the Queen of Heaven:

Dearest child, how I long for your company, for I wish to tell you of our story of love and of sorrow!

The sweet company of one who loves renders joy sweeter, dearer and gentler, while mitigating and making up for the sorrow endured.

Now, only eight days had passed since our divine infant Jesus was born.

All things rejoiced with gladness, and all creation with one accord celebrated its infant Creator.

But we were obliged to interrupt our joys, as in those days there was a law that all firstborn sons were to undergo the harsh cut of circumcision.

My maternal heart bled with sorrow in having to submit my dear Son, my life and my own Creator to such bitter pain.

Oh, how I wanted to take his place, but the Supreme Will, infusing heroic courage in me and exercising its supremacy over my love, commanded me to circumcise my Son-God.

My child, you cannot understand how much it cost me to do this, but, united with Saint Joseph, I obeyed and the Divine Fiat was victorious.¹³⁶

¹³⁶**Cf. See footnote 101, Day 15 Page 235.**

¹⁰¹**Mary's affirmation that she "did not encounter *any difficulties* in what she did", does not mean that all things came easy to her.**

Indeed, she relates in her 2nd Meditation that it "cost her much" to circumcise her child Jesus, just as it cost her much on Day 5, where she affirms that "there is no sacrifice similar to mine".

So while Mary did not encounter 'any difficulties' in promptly and spontaneously obeying the will of God, such spontaneity and unflinching adhesion to God's Will was nevertheless accompanied by heroic sacrifice.¹⁰¹

So together we agreed and we had my little Son circumcised.

At this sorrowful cut, I felt my heart break, and I wept.

Saint Joseph wept also, and my dear baby sobbed and his sorrow was so intense that, shivering, He looked at me and asked me for help.

What an hour of sorrow and grief for the three of us!

Our sorrow was so great that, more powerful than the sea, it engulfed all souls in order to bring them the first pledge of love, to offer them the life of my Son and to secure their destiny.

Now, blessed child, this cut contains profound mysteries:

First, the cut impressed on the little humanity of the heavenly infant Jesus represents the seal of brotherhood that he established for the entire human family; the Blood He shed was the first payment before God's Divine Justice to ransom the souls of all human generations.

My dear baby Jesus was innocent and was not bound by the law, but He wanted to submit himself to it, first, to give us an example to imitate, and second, to convey to us trust and courage, as though saying to all:

**“Do not fear; I am your little brother and am just like you.
Let us love one another and I will secure your destiny.
I will bring all of you to my Heavenly Father as my dear brothers.”**

My child, what an example the heavenly infant Jesus gives us!

He, who is the author of the law, obeys the law.

He was born only eight days ago, and yet He obeys the law as his obligation, submitting himself to the harsh cut of circumcision and undergoing an indelible cut – a cut as indelible as the union He had come to establish with the human family that has become degraded.

And this teaches us that holiness consists in fulfilling one’s obligations, in observing the law and in accomplishing the Divine Will.

There is no holiness without being committed to an obligation.

For a commitment to an obligation creates order and harmony, and impresses upon the soul the seal of holiness.

My child, as Adam withdrew from the Divine Will after his short life of innocence, his human will was wounded more profoundly than one who receives a deadly blow with a knife, and on account of this wound guilt and passions emerged.

Adam lost the beautiful and perpetual day of the Divine Will and was so degraded that his condition evoked pity.

So, following the joys of my dear Son’s birth, He wanted to be circumcised so that his wound might heal the wound that Adam inflicted on himself by doing his own will.

With his Blood, Jesus prepared for Adam the bath, whereby he might be cleansed of all sin, strengthened, embellished and made worthy to receive anew the Divine Will that he had forfeited, which was the source of his holiness and happiness.

Dear child, Jesus did not perform any work or endure any sorrow that did not have as its aim the reordering of souls in the Divine Will.

Therefore, in all circumstances, even the sorrowful and humiliating ones, strive to do the Divine Will in all things, as striving constitutes the soul’s raw material in which God’s Will conceals itself in order to operate in the soul, and lead the soul to put the life of the Divine Will into practice.¹³⁷

¹³⁷**In the original Italian text, Luisa here uses the expression, “*vita praticante*”, to convey God’s “operative virtue” in the soul (cf. L. Piccarreta, volume 30, November 29, 1931:**

“My Will is the vivifying, active and operating virtue that forms the life of all the divine acts the soul who lives in my Will intends to do.”¹³⁷

Now, dearest child, in many of the very sorrows we experienced, the most beautiful joys arose which were so great that they put an end to our tears.

And when we had our divine infant circumcised, we gave him the Most Holy Name of Jesus, the name desired by the angel.

In pronouncing Jesus’ Most Holy Name, our joy and bliss were so great that our sorrow dissipated.

Indeed, all those who so desire may find in Jesus’ name the balm to alleviate their sorrows, their protection in the face of danger, their victory over temptation, the hand to keep them from falling into sin, and the cure to all their evils.

The Most Holy Name of Jesus makes hell tremble; the angels reverence it and it sweetly resounds in the ears of the Heavenly Father.

Before this name, all bow down and adore, as it is powerful, holy and great, and whoever invokes it with faith will experience prodigies.

Such is the miraculously secret virtue of this Most Holy Name.

Now, my child, I encourage you to always pronounce the name, "Jesus."
When you see that your human will is weak and vacillating, and hesitates to do the Divine Will, the name of Jesus will make it resurrect in the Divine Fiat.
If you are oppressed, call upon the name of Jesus;
if you work, call upon the name of Jesus;
if you sleep, call upon the name of Jesus;
when you awake, may your first word be "Jesus."
Call him always, as it is a name that contains seas of grace which He gives to those who call upon him and love him.

The soul to its Queen:

Heavenly Mother, I thank you so much for the beautiful lessons you have given me.
I beg you to inscribe them in my heart so that I may never forget them.
I ask you to immerse my soul in the Blood of the heavenly infant Jesus, so that his Blood may heal the wounds my human will has produced in me and enclose it in the Divine Will; may you write the Most Holy Name of Jesus on each one of my wounds so that this name may guard me.

Aspiration:

Today, to honour me, perform five acts of love in honour of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and unite yourself with me in the sorrow I endured during the circumcision of my Son Jesus.

Exclamation:

My mother, write "Jesus" in my heart so that He may give me the grace to live in the Divine Will.